



## **Welcome to worship at Hope!**

Our service follows a four-fold pattern of GATHERING as the Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God; WORD as God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song; THANKSGIVING as we give thanks for the Word and all God's gifts; and SENDING as God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. Texts you need for worship are projected; hymns and scripture readings for today are printed below.

## **THEMES OF WORSHIP TODAY**

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God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

### **Today we will hold in our prayers:**

*Campers, camp staff, and youth participating in summer programs - especially Hope families who are heading to Kuriakos this week for family camp.*

## **SERVING TODAY**

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Presiding:  
Accompanist:  
Reader:  
Ushers:

Pastor Greg Smith  
Joyce McKenny  
Margaret Edgar  
Frank & Shelly Mueller

**Thanks to all who helped serve today!**  
**Flowers today are given by Jan Geggie.**

# TODAY'S SERVICE

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Stampede Sunday

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Gathering Song: **Just As I Am ELW 592**

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

Song: **Come and Fill Our Hearts ELW 528** (Sing twice)

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading: **Isaiah 55:10-13**

Psalm: **How Great Thou Art ELW 856** (vs. 1-2)

Second Reading: **Romans 8:1-11**

Gospel Acclamation: **Open Your Ears, O Faithful People  
ELW 519**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Children's Message: Pastor Greg Smith

**Sermon:** Pastor Greg Smith, "Renewed for Growth"

Hymn of the Day: **Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil ELW 512**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession (**God of grace, receive our prayer.**)

Peace

Offering

Offering Song: **Take My Life, That I May Be ELW 583**

Offertory Prayer

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: **God Be With You Till We Meet Again ELW 536**

Dismissal

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am – 12pm**  
**CLOSED FRIDAYS**

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| MONDAY:    |   |
| TUESDAY:   | <b>10:00 am Stitching for Hope</b>  |
| WEDNESDAY: |   |
| THURSDAY:  |   |
| FRIDAY:    |   |
| SATURDAY:  |   |
| SUNDAY:    | <b>10:00 am Worship &amp; Sacrament</b><br><b>11:30am Conversation Cafe</b> |

## **COMING UP AT HOPE**

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**THANK YOU** to everyone who joined us today for our annual Stampede Breakfast. Many thanks to our volunteer crew who set up, cooked a great meal, wrangled the children in the Kid's corner and helped with clean up. Very special thanks to THE RANGE for delighting us with their music!

**Splash Week (VBS) registration is open! Camp dates are July 13–17 at Advent Lutheran Church. Find more info at [adventlutheran.ca/splash](http://adventlutheran.ca/splash).** Extra volunteer help is always appreciated, whether for part of a morning, set-up, clean-up, or general support during the program.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sorena at [campcoordinator@adventlutheran.ca](mailto:campcoordinator@adventlutheran.ca).

**“Conversation Cafe”:** Sunday, July 19th after worship (approx. 11:30am) in the Fireside room to discuss our new 3-5 years journey to integrate a multicultural lens into our vision. Help us build a vibrant, joyful, dynamic, and creative community; a spiritual home built on faith and grace as the foundation, where belonging is the promise and compassion is our way of life. Members may also place written feedback in the collection box by the sanctuary entrance.

**Upcoming Camp Sunday Dates:** July 26 and August 30, held at Advent Lutheran Church. Calling all children and youth to join for a morning of worshipping together, activities and lunch! We hope you can attend! Please register here:

[www.adventlutheran.ca/camp-sunday](http://www.adventlutheran.ca/camp-sunday)

**Notice the green in the sanctuary?** It is a reminder that this season in the church year focuses on our spiritual growth. It is a reminder that Jesus continues his ministry through us. The colours are changed by our Altar Guild. It is an important ministry of sharing the gospel through visual arts.

**Volunteers Still Needed: Paraments & Linens**

We're still looking for those few helping hands to care for the worship cloths, including changing the seasonal colours and keeping the linens tidy. Training provided. If you enjoy quiet, behind-the-scenes service, we'd love your help. Contact Margaret K. or Pastor Greg.

There are still spaces on the **coffee sign up sheet!** We know many of you appreciate the coffee on Sunday mornings so if you could help one time, that would be wonderful!

**Altar Flowers** - would you like to sponsor an Altar bouquet? The cost is \$50/ Sunday, and it can be included in your offering envelope or e-transfer. (please mark "for altar flowers"). The sponsor gets to take the bouquet home with them that Sunday after worship. Please contact the office to sign up for a date.

**Dim Sum Lunch on Sundays!** Everyone is welcome to join our Chinese members for Dim Sum Sundays after worship. This group leaves Hope at 11:30am and meets at Edgemont Palace - 45 Edenwold Dr. NW. The cost each week is split by those attending. Speak with Deborah for more information!

**Men's Breakfast** – did you know that a group of gents meet the first Saturday of each month, 8:30am at Cora's in Brentwood? Feel free to join them for breakfast and conversation. Their next event is August 1. Contact Robert for details.

*We respectfully acknowledge that we worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, the Tsuut'inna, the Iyaxe Nakoda Nations and Metis Nation (Region 3).*

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